

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gary Groves and Norma Jean Barta exchanged their wedding vows on October 10, 1953, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Gary and Norma Jean gave life and love to four children, Tere, Steven, Lisa, and Guy; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Gary and Norma Jean have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

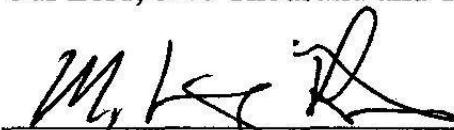
Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2003, as

GARY AND NORMA JEAN GROVES DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State